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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: UMOTOY, et al

Assignee: APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOW PRESSURE CVD
DEPOSITION OF TUNGSTEN AND TUNGSTEN NITRIDE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.143

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, outlining the Examiner's restriction requirement between groups:

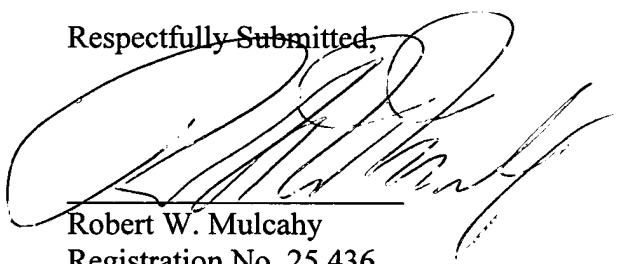
1. Claims 1-19 and 29-35, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 715.
- II. Claims 20-28, drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 248.1.

In response to the Examiner's requirement of election of claims, Applicant's undersigned Attorney hereby elects Group 1, Claims 1-19 and 29-35, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 715 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant's undersigned attorney invites any direct telephone communication from the Examiner to expedite prosecution of the subject Application.

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this document. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1074.

Respectfully Submitted,



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